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Test-Ban Bid to China Is Approved by Miller

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SAN DIEGO, Calif., Oct. 19, at San Jose and Oakland
(AP)—Rep. William E. Miller before heading back East.

said today he was inclined to go along with President Johnson's proposal to bring Communist China into the nuclear test ban treaty, but cautioned against extending diplomatic recognition to the Peking regime.

After nearly two days' rest, in the sun of Southern California, the Republican vice presidential nominee prepared to return to the campaign trail with a rally speech tonight at San Mateo, in the San Francisco area.

He told reporters that he will continue to emphasize "morality and corruption in government" as the major issue in the closing weeks of the campaign.

"As a result of the Walter Jenkins incident," he said, "I think people are more aware of this issue."

Miller hit hard last week at Jenkins's recent arrest on morals charges and subsequent resignation as a top aide to the Democratic President.

Chatting briefly with newsmen this afternoon, Miller said he had "no particular reaction" to Mr. Johnson's Nation-wide television address last night discussing developments abroad.

"He didn't tell us anything we couldn't figure out for ourselves," Miller said.

Asked specifically whether he approved of Mr. Johnson's invitation to Communist China to sign the nuclear test ban treaty, he replied, "I would think so."

He added quickly: "But this should not open the door to recognition of Red China."

Miller said his two-day rest appeared to have cleared away the last remnants of a heavy cold he contracted last weekend.

The New York Congressman scheduled two more campaign appearances in the San Francisco area Tuesday.